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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "That is a matter for His Excellency the Governor to decide."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Will the Government at least say that this Council is not likely to be dissolved within a certain period and be pleased to specify that period ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— "It is not for the Government to say anything of that kind."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—"May I know whether this Government does not advise His Excellency in regard to the next elections ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— "It will be considered when the occasion arises."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether the Government has already given any such advice to His Excellency ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— "No, Sir; it is a matter entirely left to His Excellency."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—"May I know when the Government proposes to give its adivce to His Excellency ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— "When His Excellency asks for it."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Public Health

Alleged suicide by a patient in Nellore hospital.

385 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that during the latter part of 1928, a patient in the Headquarter Hospital, Nellore, committed suicide;

(b) if so, under what circumstances the suicide was committed, and who is responsible for allowing him to do so; and

(c) what action was taken by the District Medical Officer in the matter?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) A report[a] on the subject received from the Surgeon-General is laid on the table.

Jails

Allowances to sub-assistant surgeons on jail duty.

386 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government granted any allowances to sub-assistant surgeons on jail duty as recommended by the Indian Jails Committee (1919-20);

(b) if so, for what period;

(c) whether the sub-assistant surgeons were given rent-free quarters to facilitate their attendance to their duties in jails and for what period;

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(*d*) whether the duty allowance and rent-free quarters were abolished in 1923; and

(*e*) for what reasons?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government did not grant to the sub-assistant surgeons employed on jail duty the allowances recommended by the Indian Jails Committee as the pay and allowances of sub-assistant surgeons were raised in 1921 itself prior to the receipt of the Committee's report.

(*c*) to (*e*) Till September 1923, the sub-assistant surgeons in Jail department were allowed the concession of rent-free quarters. They were also in receipt of a duty allowance of Rs. 30 a month. In view of the improvement effected in the pay of sub-assistant surgeons and as service in a jail was made an ordinary incident in a sub-assistant surgeon's career the Government directed the abolition with effect from September 1923 of the duty allowance and the concession of rent-free quarters allowed to them.

Reward allowances to sub-assistant surgeons.

387 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Jail Committee (of 1919–20) recommended that Rs. 6,000 or more be distributed by the Inspector-General of Prisons as reward allowance among sub-assistant surgeons who have shown special diligence or done exceptionally good work;

(*b*) what reasons the committee had given for the above proposal;

(*c*) whether the above recommendation was given effect to by the Government; and

(*d*) if so, for what period?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Committee considered that the reward allowance proposed by it would prove an incentive to good work on the part of sub-assistant surgeons employed on jail duty.

(*c*) & (*d*) No.

Action taken on the recommendations of the Jail Committee regarding sub-assistant surgeons in jails.

388 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the approximate average annual cost of carrying out the recommendations made by the Jail Committee (of 1919–20) regarding sub-assistant surgeons in jails in respect of their allowance, etc., and

(*b*) what the actual cost was during the period it was paid including the house-rents?

A.—(*a*) The approximate average annual cost of carrying out the recommendations of the Indian Jails Committee regarding sub-assistant surgeons on jail duty was not worked out.

(*b*) The Government did not accept the recommendations of the Jail Committee and so no expenditure was incurred.